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PURA SCHEMES
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the performance of pilot projects implemented under Provision of Urban Amenities in Rural Areas Scheme (PURA), cluster- wise;

(b) whether the Government proposes to restructure and implement PURA scheme throughout the country; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHANDRA SEKHAR SAHU)

(a): Provision of Urban Amenities in Rural Areas (PURA) scheme was implemented on a pilot basis from 2004-05 for a period of 3 years. The pilot phase has ended in March 2007. The budgetary provision for the scheme has been Rs. 10 crores each in 2004-05, 2005 - 06 and 2006 - 07. The cluster-wise funds released and amount spent are as follows:-

(Rs. In lakhs)

Cluster	Amount released during 2004 -05 to 2006-07	Cumulative Expenditure up to 30.9.2007	% of expenditure
Rayadurg (Andhra Pradesh)	328.80	228.80	69.58
Gohpur (Assam)	386.00	288.10	74.63
Motipur (Bihar)	384.00	223.75	58.26
Basmath (Maharashtra)	427.30	171.37	40.10
Kujanga (Orissa)	545.00	328.15	60.21
Shahpura (Rajasthan)	401.00	220.86	55.07
Bharthana (Uttar Pradesh)	527.90	428.97	81.25
Total	3000.00	1890.00	63.00

The funds under pilot phase were released for activities like construction of roads, market connectivity, education, drinking water, health, employment generation and Common Facility Centre for readymade garment industries.

(b) & (c): Yes, Sir. A draft proposal for the Expenditure Finance Committee (EFC) has been prepared in this regard.